

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: DELAPORTE, FRANCIS
Title: PRESSURE SENSOR
ASSEMBLY WITH CLOCK
MODULE AND MEASURING
AND MONITORING
MICROPROCESSOR
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 16, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-8 and 16-25 for examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Claims 1-8 and 16-25 (Group I), drawn to a tire pressure microprocessor assembly; and Claims 9-15 (Group II), drawn to a tire pressure assembly having a switching and temperature function. Restriction was required because the

Examiner thought that the claims were directed to patentably distinct species. Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application (35 U.S.C. §121). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not independent. For example, a tire pressure microprocessor assembly of Group I may include a switching and/or temperature function, as recited in the claims of Group II.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to substantiate his/her position in greater detail. Otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and each of Claims 1-25 be pending in this application be examined.

Telephonic Interview

On Thursday, November 16, 2006, the undersigned discussed the above-identified groupings with the Examiner through a number of telephonic correspondences. The Examiner confirmed that Group I is inclusive of Claims 1-8 and 16-25, drawn to a tire pressure microprocessor assembly; and Group II is inclusive of Claims 9-15, drawn to a tire pressure assembly having a switching and temperature function.

Respectfully submitted,

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